The Honorable Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a customer of DIRECTV, I am writing to urge you to deny the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will increase costs for consumers like myself!

The combined company may require that I purchase all new equipment at an increased expese to customers. I have made a substansial investment in recivers and do not wish to be straddled with additional costs to continue the service I already have!

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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